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Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know what is the amount of money realized by auction?" (Laughter.)

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"It was not a question of realizing money. But as I explained a short while ago it was more a question of finding room for them."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"But still may I know what is the amount of money realized?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Notice."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether in the destruction of newspapers any distinction was made between dailies and other papers?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"Most of the newspapers were dailies. I don't know whether there were any other newspapers in those destroyed."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR:—"May I know whether the Government are aware that the public think that the Government have committed an atrocious crime in having destroyed these newspapers?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"That is not a supplementary question."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Provision for religious and moral instruction from the income of mutts and temples.

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* 1788 Q.—Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of mutts and temples with an annual income of over Rs. 10,000 which have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board and the number which have not yet done so;

(b) the number of mutts and temples with an annual income of over Rs. 10,000 in respect of which the Board has framed schemes and the number of cases in this category in which the Board has appointed paid superintendents or supervisors;

(c) the qualifications and the method of recruitment prescribed for or followed by the Board in appointing such paid superintendents;

(d) the number of cases in which the Board has included a provision in the schemes framed by it for free religious and moral instructions at the expense of the mutts and temples concerned;

(e) the number of annual budgets submitted by mutts and temples in which provision is made for free religious and moral instruction; and

(f) whether the Government propose to take any action to compel mutts and temples to allot a portion of their income to provide free religious and moral instruction?

A.—(a) Fourteen mutts and 142 temples have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Board, while 5 and 31, respectively, have not yet done so.

(b) Schemes have been framed by the Board in respect of two mutts and 20 temples. Paid superintendents, etc., were appointed by the Board in respect of the two mutts and of 12 temples.

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- (c) No qualifications have been prescribed for superintendents, etc., appointed by the Board, who make the selection on a consideration of all the circumstances of the case.
- (d) Four.
- (e) Budgets are submitted to the Board only by excepted temples in respect of which schemes have not been settled by courts. Of these, four provide for free religious and moral instruction
- (f) No.

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—“ With reference to clause (c), may I know whether the Government propose to prescribe the qualifications and methods of recruitment ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ That might be considered by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.”

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know whether the Board has made proposals for framing rules and qualifications ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ No.”

Mr. M. BALASUBRAHMANYA MUDALIYAR :—“ May I know, Sir, with reference to (f) whether it is not in the power of the Government to compel temples and mutts to allot a portion of their income to provide free religious and moral instruction ? ”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“ It does not lie in the power of the Government to do so.”

Work done by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board.

* 1789 Q.—Mr. K. R. VENKATARAMA AYYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of proceedings of a judicial character, original or appellate, heard and decided by the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Board ever since it was set up and the average pendency of an original proceeding and of an appellate proceeding ;

(b) whether it is a fact that most part of the time and attention of the Commissioners is being absorbed by judicial enquiries ;

(c) whether the said Board has effected any administrative co-ordination or standardization by the introduction of forms of account, and a system of audit or inspection of accounts of religious endowments and periodical reports of administration by trustees and committees ;

(d) how many schemes of management or administration have so far been settled by the Board for maths and how many for temples ;

(e) how many of them have since been modified ; and

(f) what schemes, if any, decreed by civil courts under section 92, Civil Procedure Code, have been modified at the instance of the Board ?

A.—(a) Two thousand and sixty original and 83 appellate proceedings up to the 10th February 1930. The average pendency of each proceeding cannot be worked out without an undue amount of labour and time.

(b) No.